

HOOKSTOWN FAIR
2025 PA PREFERRED™ JUNIOR BAKING CONTEST
COOKIES, BROWNIES AND BARS

Prizes: 1st Place \$50 2nd Place \$35 3rd Place \$25

The goal of the PA Preferred™ Baking Contest is to encourage young people across the Commonwealth to participate in Pennsylvania's agricultural fairs by showcasing Pennsylvania grown and produced products in their contest entries.

RULES

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker (ages 8 through 18 years old at the time of the fair's contest) who is a Pennsylvania resident; one entry per person. No Professional Bakers.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest at any other fair in 2025.**
3. Entry must be **six (6) individual sized portions** of the baked entry item (cookies, brownies, or bars).
4. Entire entry must be **made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex: pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*). **All ingredients and decorations must be edible.**
5. At least two (2) PA Preferred™ or locally purchased ingredients must be used in the recipe. Some examples of qualifying ingredients include grains (*such as oats or flour*), butter, milk, eggs, fruits and/or vegetables.
6. **A PA Preferred™ logo is not required** because not all PA Preferred™ products carry the label. The name of the ingredient and the source is sufficient (*see example attached*). Contact RA-AGPAPreferred@pa.gov for any assistance with qualifying ingredients.
7. Entry must be submitted for judging on a food safe disposable setting. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*)
8. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. **The name of each PA Preferred™ ingredient or locally purchased ingredient must be clearly listed along with the source that made/grew the product** (*ex: PA Preferred Milk – Galliker's brand or Apples – Smith Farm Orchard*). Entrant's name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (*All recipes and cookies-brownies-bars will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
9. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
10. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - Flavor (aroma, taste, good balancing of flavors) 40 Points
 - Inside Characteristics (even grain, evenly baked, free from air pockets) 30 Points
 - Overall Appearance (surface, size, shape, color) 20 Points
 - Topping, Icing, Decoration 10 Points
11. Entries will be accepted by the Special Baking Committee on Monday, Aug 18th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the bottom of the Grange.
12. Further information is available from Tracey Elliott at (412) 818-9331.

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2026 PA Farm Show competition.

Premiums for the 2026 PA Farm Show
1st - \$500 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$100
4th – Rosette Ribbon 5th – Rosette Ribbon

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